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1. As of 1950, the Soviet State Planning Committee (Gosplan) had offices both in the Kremlin and in a large building opposite the Moscow Hotel, the former Soviet Narodnykh Komissarov building.¹ The staff of the Gosplan comprised many individuals, probably more than 500.
2. The State Planning Committee is responsible for the planning of the state economy of the USSR. The former chairman of the Gosplan was N. A. Voznesenskiy. He was reputed to have been a brilliant economist, but because of disagreements with superiors he disappeared. His brother and some colleagues disappeared at the same time.² M.Z. Saburov is the present chairman of the Gosplan.
3. An economic engineer who graduated from the Moscow Economic Institute and who worked on the Gosplan described Saburov as a bureaucrat lacking any real talent in the field of economic planning. However, in final decisions concerning the state economy, what counts is what the top leaders say and not what is exchanged in discussions within the Council of Ministers.
4. The above-mentioned informant told source that extremely strict security precautions prevail in the Gosplan. For example, classified trash containers are drawn, empty, from a clerk at the beginning of the workday, and are returned to her at the close of business. These containers are labeled with the name of each employee, so that all classified trash can be strictly accounted for. Source presumes that these measures are used because the Gosplan employees see handwritten memoranda bearing the names of Stalin, Molotov, etc. In other ministries, directives or tentative plans are issued anonymously.

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Comments:

1. According to available information, the Gosplan was located at 3 Okhotnyy Ryad, Moscow.
2. Voznesenskiy served as chairman of the Gosplan from March 1946 to March 1949.

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